

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Daisuke Kanenari et al.

Application No.: 10/588,102

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Art Unit: 1791

For: RUBBER/SHORT FIBER MASTER BATCH
AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF
AND PNEUMATIC TIRES USING SUCH
MASTER BATCH

Examiner: A. C. Johnstone

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed April 6, 2009, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the invention identified by the Examiner as Group II, and drawn to a method for producing a rubber/short fiber masterbatch for continued examination. Claims 4-6 and 15 are directed to the elected invention.

Claims 1-3, 1-14 and 16-20 are drawn to non-elected inventions and may be cancelled by the Examiner upon the allowance of the claims directed to the elected invention.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

In the event, the examiner believes that an interview would advance the prosecution of this application in any way the undersigned attorney is available at the phone number noted below.

Please charge any fees due with this paper to our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21713-00033-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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